

Application No. 09/497,590
Amendment dated January 17, 2007
Reply to Office Action of August 28, 2006

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph bridging pages 25 and 26 of the specification:

--Figure 42 is a perspective side view of a Dual Extended Outer Sleeve having overlapping, hollow cylindrical tubes for use in installing interbody spinal implants having one or more flat sides.--.

Please insert the following new paragraph after the paragraph bridging pages 67 and 68.

-- For example, as shown in Fig. 42, an apparatus 1350A can be provided. Apparatus 1350A includes the features of apparatus 1350, and also comprises extended portions 1380 and 1382. Extended portions 1380 and 1382 are extensions of the overlapping, hollow cylindrical tubes 1352 and 1354. Extended portions 1380 and 1382 have a height that is greater at a point near foot plate 1360 and decreases in the direction away from foot plate 1360. Extended portions 1380 and 1382 are similar in shape and function to extended portions 920 and 922, 1220 and 1222. As such, extended portions 1380 and 1382 can be inserted between adjacent vertebrae to serve as intervertebral distractors.--.